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## **Conservation Commission Minutes 11/01/2007**

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Ellen Reed, Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Catherine Garnett, Tim Sullivan, Charles Tirone, William O'Rourke of the Commission as was Associate Member Ezra Benjamin. Brigid Kennedy-Pfister of 90,92 Fairmont St was present. David Reedy of Renfrew St and David Villandry of Villandry Construction were also in attendance.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

7:45 pm - 90, 92 FAIRMONT ST- REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY for landscaping – continued from 10/18/07

The Commission held a site walk to the property and reviewed the landscaping plan. The Commission determined that removal of the Norway Maples should be mitigated with the planting of one (1) 3 to 3.5 inch dbh (diameter at breast height) tree of a native species or at least two (2) 1.5 to 2 inch dbh trees.

Sullivan/Tirone moved to issue a Determination of Applicability that even though the project is within the resource areas of Floodplain and Riverfront Area, that with the above mitigation there would be no significant impact and therefore a Notice of Intent is not required; motion passed unanimously.

8pm – 91 R MYSTIC ST, BUILDING REPAIR- WORKING SESSION

Mr. Villandry presented drawings of renovations to the existing building which abuts the Mill Brook. The roof is in dire need of repair. The work is maintenance of the existing structure and during construction the side of the building will have a drop cloth installed to catch any debris. The Commission advised that any debris that accidentally falls into the waterway be removed by hand. The Commission also advised that all roof drainage be directed to the driveway and towards the proposed gravel swale along the side of the building.

The Commission affirmed that all of the proposed roof repair work is maintenance of the existing building (with no increase in footprint) and therefore does not require a permit.

### COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

The Commission discussed the proposal to plow the bikepath in the winter and whether the surface should also be sanded and salted. The concern with sanding is that it will migrate off the paved areas to the side slopes and into the minor natural drainage that the pathway has. Salt also negatively impacts the plants alongside the path. The Commission will send its recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to not salt, and only sand if it is swept up afterwards.

Part of the planting plan at Arlington Reservoir will be installed by Heimlich on November 5.

Taylor Rental has moved into the property on Bow St and has equipment parked next to Geri's Brook. The Commission will draft a letter stating this will potentially impact the waterway due to stormwater runoff of the paved lot.

The Commission has received the Notice of Project Change for the Symmes project. Mr. Stevens will review it.

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Administrator